

## **ABSTRACT**

Disclosed are compositions and methods for modulating endothelial cells (ECs) in a mammal. Practice of the invention generally involves changing activity of the ezrin cytoskeletal protein sufficient to increase or decrease proliferation of the cells. Also  
5 disclosed are useful screens for detecting agents capable of modulating ezrin activity. The invention has a variety of useful applications including use in the treatment of diseases associated with unsatisfactory EC proliferation.

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